

9 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 11 April

- 25X1 Item 1 Minutes and Associated Paper of 4 April Meeting
Drafts have been circulated by the Exec Sec for USIB approval;
Sponsor -
- 25X1 Item 2 Watch Report
Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for Board approval;
Sponsor -
- Item 3 National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Coverage Plan
NIS Committee recommendation for Board approval;
Sponsor - Mr. Brammell

This paper is responsive to a 1965 USIB directive that the NIS Committee report annually on this subject. The plan proposed in this year's report is intended to replace the more limited 2-year production forecast formerly submitted for Board approval in previous years, and to be more responsive to basic USIB directives on the NIS Program. Mr. Brammell's memorandum points out that the proposed plan establishes NIS area priorities for the General Surveys which will continue as the primary unit of NIS coverage at the same production rate as in previous years. The production rates for supplementary topical coverage reflect some reductions, while reallocating more limited capabilities for concentration on more important topics. The new plan is summarized in more detail in Mr. Brammell's briefing memorandum for the CIA Member of USIB.

The Chairman of the NIS Committee recommends USIB action along the following lines:

- a. Approve the NIS Coverage Plan as contained in the attachment as a long-range production planning guide to be implemented flexibly and reviewed annually.
- b. Note that the NIS Committee will discuss in its Annual Report to USIB any significant changes to the subject plan.
- c. Note that the NIS Committee will submit an annual production schedule to USIB before the beginning of each fiscal year.

S E C R E T

- Item 4 SNIE on the Outlook for Internal Security in Ethiopia
 BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
 Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

 This SNIE was requested by the State Department at the behest of the Interdepartmental Regional Group for Africa and is intended to update the Ethiopian sections of the NIE on the "Prospects in the Horn of Africa" dated 27 April 1967. The changes in your draft (page 11, paragraph 11 and page 15, paragraph 16) are agreed at the Representatives' level. No significant substantive differences were encountered in the coordination of this paper and BNE does not anticipate any particular problems at USIB.

- Item 5 NIE on Greece
 BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
 Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

 This regularly scheduled estimate is fully agreed at the Representatives' level and BNE does not expect any particular problems at the USIB.

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Executive Secretary, USIB